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PLACE: TROMSØ

COUNTRY: NORWAY

Population: 10,990 in 1950

Province: Troms

Latitude 69° 39 mins. north
Longitude 18° 59 mins. east.

Date of Observation: 19 Mar. '51

General Description:

Seaport, main base for Norwegian Arctic and Antarctic sealing and fishing.
Capitol of Troms. Marketing and distributing center. Express steamer base.
Important Summer tourist center.

Geographic Description:

Northern outpost of agriculture on important scale but supplementary to fishing for living.

Occupations:

Agricultural

Important locally, with experiment station nearby

Fishing

Cod, herring and Arctic mammals

Industrial

Based on sea products, shipping and local needs.

Natural Vegetation:

Well wooded island to low tree line. Then tundra. Birch and poplar with some conifers.

Land Forms and Geology:

Fjord and skerry, with many channels. Glaciated mountain scenery, raised beaches providing level land.

Mining:

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Population (racial, cultural, linguistic): Norwegian with some mixture of Lapp evident. Many Lapp residents in Summer from interior of mainland. Lapp place-names common. Shipping and other business and professional personnel from South Norway and elsewhere.

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Climate and Weather

Temperatures: Maximum -4°C Minimum -6° For details see "Den Norske Los" Page #32

Precipitation: Trace of snow. Average for March 75mm. This year 66.

Clouds: Half to complete coverage

Other: Light breeze. Snow on ground. Central weather station for N. Norway.
Note no sunrise between Nov. 26 and Jan. 18.

Electric Power:

Source: Transformer station on hill behind town. Transmission lines from Northwest.

Voltage: 230 Cycle: 50

Extent of Grid: Complete on island. Great shortage, systematic power cuts.

Telephone Yes Telegraph Yes Radio Yes TV Yes
Important

TRANSPORTATION: (From: Tromsø To: local and mainland)

Railway: None

Station:

Ballast:

Power :

Gauge :

Bridges:

Highways:

Route No's : #860 from mainland point to highway #50 at Vollan

Surface Type: Gravel

Width : Two-car

Seasonal Use: All year on island. Some obstruction on #860 occasionally.
Route blocked northward.

Underpass :

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Ferries:

Location: Tromsø to mainland at Storsteinnes on route #860

Tonnage :

Capacity: About 8 cars.

Schedules: Regular during day. (See Rutebok)

Steamers: Many

Routing: Express north and south. Numerous local. Many Arctic and foreign
(especially bunkers) Base for fishery patrol.

Tonnages:

Capacity:

Schedules: Daily (See Rutebok)

Bus Routes: Local and north-south as highways open. See Rutebok or local press
for schedules.

Summer:

Winter:

Other Transportation:

Taxis and horse sleds in town.

Air (Regular flying boat in Summer season until end of Sept. from April).
Occasional use Norsmen seaplane all year.

MAPS

Title	Scale	Date	Publisher
Tromsøya	Photographic enlargement		Local sports Club for Skiing
Tromsø	1:3,000	April 1950	Town photostat
Tromsø Street Map	1:5,000	1949-50	Local Chamber of Commerce
Hydrographic Charts (#116)	(#322, 23, 24, 25)	1950-51	Norway
(1:50,000)	(Scale 1:200,000)		
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<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Norsk Kysthaandbok	Bernt Sunde	1951	Cammermeyer	140 kroner
Newspaper Tromsø	Daily			
" Nordlys	"			

PERSONAL DATA:

Date of travel to this place: 18 Mar. '51 Arrived: 2300
Starting Point: Harstad Departed: Tromsø
Distance traveled (in kms): _____
Vehicles Used: St. Svithun
Where stayed: Grand Hotel Comments: Good, modern

CONTACTS:

25X1X6

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>T.ph.</u>	<u>Comment</u>
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Photographs:

Purchased locally: Postcards of Tromsø town and area

Taken: Numerous of town and harbor with vessels and facilities.

Sketches Made: Conditions poor to bright sun.

None See good town plan in Veibok and maps. referred to page #3.

Location

Description

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Industries:

Type

No. of Workers

Products

Power

See Norsk. Kysthaandbok and Veibok

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SEAPORTS:

General Comments:

Large well equipped seaport specializing in exporting, fish products, importing supplies for large area. Trans-shipment point for interior.

Cargo Handling:Wharves:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Depth</u>
Five government wharves	Town	Total length 440 meters depth 5 to 7 meters
11 private wharves	"	Total length 830 meters depth 3 to 7 meters

Lighters:

Various

Cranes: None at steamship quay. Several at shipyards.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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Repair Facilities

Machine Shops: Yes

Foundries: "

Dry docks: Slip for ships of 2,000 tons and two others.

Salvage gear: Yes

Supplies Available

Water Yes

Coal Large bunkers with 3 ton electric cranes (6)

Provisions Yes

Oil-Fuel Yes

Engineering Yes

Diesel Fuel Yes

Deck Yes

Harbor Information See charts and Norwegian and British coast pilots.

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